

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 6. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols of which image transmission speeds are different from each other, said apparatus comprising:

a detector circuit adapted to detect ID information for identifying a calling station before a start of communication with the calling station, on [[the]] an occasion of reception of a call;

a communication circuit adapted to communicate with the calling station using any one of the plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols;

a memory adapted to store (1) ID information detected by said detector circuit and (2) a facsimile protocol used for communication with the calling station conducted through said communication circuit, in correspondence with each other; and

a control circuit adapted to, when ID information detected by said detector circuit upon an occasion of reception of a call is already stored in said memory, cause communication to be conducted using a facsimile protocol stored in said memory in correspondence with the detected ID information.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to

Claim 1, further comprising:

a registration circuit adapted to register the ID information of the calling station and the facsimile protocol in said memory in accordance with an instruction from a user.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to

Claim 2, wherein

the ID information for identifying the calling station is telephone number information, and,

when telephone number information designated upon an occasion of issuing a call is registered by said registration circuit, a facsimile protocol executed corresponding to the telephone number information is registered.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the facsimile protocol changes with a type of modem used by said communication apparatus.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the facsimile protocol includes a facsimile protocol using V.21 and V.29 standards and a facsimile protocol using V.8 and V.34 standards.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A communication method of a communication

apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols of which image transmission speeds are different from each other, said method comprising:

a detection step, of detecting ID information for identifying a calling station before a start of communication with the calling station, upon an occasion of reception of a call;

a communication step, of communicating with the calling station using any one of the plurality of kinds of facsimile protocols;

a storage step, of storing in a memory (1) ID information detected in said detection step and (2) a facsimile protocol used for communication with the calling station conducted in said communication step, in correspondence with each other; and

N' a control step of, when ID information detected in said detection step upon an occasion of reception of a call is already stored in the memory, causing communication to be conducted using a facsimile protocol stored in correspondence with the detected ID information.

Claims 7-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (previously presented): A communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of types of communication protocols for image communication, said apparatus comprising:

a receiver circuit adapted to receive ID information for identifying a calling station before a start of communication of a protocol signal relating to image communication, upon an occasion of reception of a call; and

a control circuit adapted to conduct communication based on an image communication protocol corresponding to the ID information received by said receiver circuit, or to conduct communication to determine an image communication protocol to be used, according to whether or not the ID information is received by said receiver circuit, after having made a response to the call.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said receiver circuit receives the ID information between receiving successive calling signals.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, further comprising a memory for storing, in association with each of a plurality of bodies of registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of the calling stations, a communication protocol that the respective calling station can utilize, wherein said control circuit selects at least one communication protocol based on the ID information received by said receiver circuit and the registered ID information stored in said memory.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising an updating circuit adapted to update the communication protocols stored in said memory.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising a counter circuit adapted to count a predetermined time, wherein said updating circuit updates the communication protocols stored in said memory when said counter circuit has counted the predetermined time.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 14, further comprising a count circuit adapted to count a number of communications performed to each of the calling stations corresponding to the respective registered ID information stored in said memory, wherein said updating circuit updates the respective communication protocol for each calling station when said count circuit has counted a predetermined number of communications for the calling station.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the ID information received by said receiver circuit is a telephone number of the calling station.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A control method of controlling a communication apparatus adapted to execute a plurality of types of communication protocols for image communication, said method comprising:

a reception step, of receiving ID information for identifying a calling station before a start of communication of a protocol signal relating to the image communication, upon

an occasion of reception of a call; and

a control step, of conducting communication based on an image communication protocol corresponding to the ID information received in said reception step, or conducting communication to determine a communication protocol to be used, according to whether or not the ID information is received in said reception step, after having made a response to the call.

Claims 19-24 (canceled)